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In re application of:

John Hiscott et al.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Refund Section, Accounting Division, Office of Finance

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund of the five-month extension of time fee of \$945.00 that was paid to the PTO for the above-captioned application in connection with a Sequence Listing submitted to the PTO on May 21, 2001 in response to a Notification To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequences, Form PCT/DO/EO/920 mailed on April 9, 2001 ("April 9, 2001-Form 920"). Applicants believe that no extension of time fee is due because the April 9, 2001-Form 920 did not include any notification of when a response was due.

The April 9, 2001-Form 920 instructed the applicant to provide a computer readable form of the "Sequence Listing." The form stated "The period within which to correct the deficiency noted below an avoid abandonment is set forth in the accompanying Notification." However, the

April 9, 2001 notice did not include any accompanying Notification setting forth the time period within which to respond. (A copy of the April 9, 2001 Form 920 is attached as Exhibit A).

On May 21, 2001, within two months from the date of mailing of the April 9, 2001 Form 920, Applicants filed a response submitting a computer readable form of the sequence listing. In an abundance of caution, the applicants submitted a five-month extension of time and enclosing a check (Check No. 163972) in the amount of \$945.00, payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. A. copy of the response is attached as Exhibit B and a copy of the front of Check No. 163972 is attached as Exhibit C. Applicants also submitted a copy of an earlier received form, namely the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), that was mailed on November 20, 2000 ("November 20, 2000-Form 905"). However, the November 20, 2000-Form 905 did not indicate that a computer readable form of the computer sequence listing was missing and thus could not trigger the deadline for submitting a computer readable form of the sequence listing. In fact, the November 20, 2000-Form 905 expressly indicated that a Sequence Listing was submitted to the PTO. A copy of the November 20, 2000 Form 905 is attached as Exhibit D.

Applicants have repeatedly telephoned the Patent Office to request a copy of the Notification that should have accompanied the April 9, 2001 Notification Form PCT/DO/EO/920. In response to these calls, Applicants were sent via facsimile (1) a copy of the November 20, 2000-Form 905 and (2) copy of the November 20, 2000-Form 905 with the November 20, 2000 date crossed out and April 9, 2001 inserted. (A copy is attached as Exhibit E).

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In view of the fact that no notification setting forth the time period within which to respond was provided with the April 9, 2001-Form 920, Applicants do not believe that any fee for an extension of time is due.

For the reasons stated above, Applicants hereby submit this Request for Refund, and respectfully request that the \$945.00 fee for a five-month extension of time be refunded by crediting Account No. <u>02-3477</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with this response.